

**County Library Board Meeting
November 8th, 2007**

The meeting came to order at 9:30 am with Chair, Evalyn Johnson; Vice Chair, Judy Brendel; Trustees, Donna Ohs, and Pat Bradley; Library Assistant, Faye Rutherford; Director, Joanne Erdall; Commissioner, Jim Hart; Virginia City Mayor, Linda Hamilton and Vigilance Club Officers, John Hamilton and Debbie Williams all present.

At 9:30 am the Mayor addressed the board concerning the decision to not donate the \$1500 to the County Library in this fiscal year. The City is experiencing a short fall of revenue and had to make some hard decisions. A letter to this effect was sent to our board by email the afternoon of October 18. Chair, Evalyn Johnson invited Mayor, Linda Hamilton to our board meeting. Everyone had a chance to air their feelings. The result being that the Library Board and Vigilance Club would work hard in the future to be better communicators and stewards of this building. The City would share meeting agendas through emails to the Library Director. It was hoped that this donation would be made available again in the 2009/2010 budget.

We were joined by Trustee, Gary Forney and Commissioner, Dave Schulz at 10:00 am.

All present toured the basement and grounds discussing the erosion of the building's foundation and water seepage in back storage room. Until this matter is dealt with the hallway project is on hold. Erdall stressed that they wouldn't be seeing it at the worst time, as that is during the months of March and April. Forney spoke up saying that even though we will all be working together to fix the water problem the need for the library to have more shelving for collection materials, not storage still needs to be addressed. Before the commissioners left they asked us to get together with the Vigilance Club and do a project proposal for them so they could get a hold of their building engineer and grant writer.

The minutes of the September 13th meeting were read. We did not have an October meeting. A motion was made by Ohs to accept the minutes as read with a second from Brendel.

Old Business:

Bradley made a motion that we meet with the Vigilance Club Officers and draft a proposal to the County Commissioners to immediately address the building foundation problems. It was suggested that this be done by committee. Forney would represent the library on this committee. Motion seconded by Ohs. All members in favor.

The budget fix for line item #700 Mill Levy to the City Libraries of Madison County for fiscal year 2006-2007 came in resolution form by the commissioners at their September 18th meeting.

We did not have an October meeting mainly due to Joanne's leg accident in September. Due to this accident, she was unable to attend the Fall Workshops in Lewistown and the Public Library Retreat in Chico. She will seek reimbursement for the Chico Registration of \$80.00. She was able to attend the Montana Shared Catalog Fall Meeting in Kalispell. The New Director, Ken Adams was introduced at this meeting. Erdall shared the latest news and said that the director stressed his concern that several of the small libraries were not at this meeting and that we had signed contracts requiring our presence at two meetings a year. He asked us to work on getting the other librarians to the next meeting by offering rides or sharing rooms. Erdall would talk to Ennis, Sheridan and Twin Librarians.

The Collection Management Policy of 2004 was shared and Erdall went over the changes she expected to make to update the policy. The board would then adopt the new policy at the December Meeting.

Erdall reported that the Statistical Report was nearly complete to turn into the State Library by the November 16th deadline. The first part of the E-Rate Grant was transmitted. The second part is done after Three Rivers Communications sends a contract estimate.

New Business:

Erdall shared new news from the State Library about their decision to significantly increase access to the state archives by digitizing documents and making them available online for Montanans to more easily and quickly access. In order to offer the entire collection digitally they needed to make some operational changes. Some of the newspapers reported that they would be closing their doors. So the State Librarian wrote an editorial to address the public's concerns and assured everyone the library would remain open to the public.

Erdall asked permission to be closed the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Rutherford and Erdall would use vacation days for these two days. Brendel made a motion to allow this request with a second from Bradley.

The next meeting would also be our Christmas Luncheon.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:35.